

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spicer Campaign tours Coffee County

Representative Terry Spicer officially began his campaign for re-election Thursday, Aug. 17, with a tour of Coffee County.

The day-long tour found Spicer and those involved with his campaign making several stops within the county. Not only did Spicer take time to visit with supporters at each of the stops, his campaign also provided food and beverages at each stop.

The day began with breakfast at Cutt's Restaurant in Enterprise. Next, stops were made at the senior centers in the Mt. Pleasant community and New Brockton.

The tour's lunch stop was at Granny Fred's Restaurant in Kinston before making a stop at

the senior center in the Pine Level community. Shortly after 3 p.m., the tour bus entered the parking lot of Rebel Station in the Zion Chapel community where many supporters gathered for a snack of drinks and pizza.

A stop was made at Green's Restaurant in the Victoria community before the final destination of the Old South Inn in Elba was reached shortly after 6 p.m. The campaign offered a barbecue dinner for supporters during the final stop of the day.

At each stop, Spicer addressed supporters asking for their continued support during this campaign and, most importantly, their vote in November.

If re-elected, Spicer vowed to continue to work hard for the

people of Coffee County. Those involved with the day's tour seemed very upbeat regarding the number of people that attended the various rally points to show support for Spicer.



Representative Terry Spicer took time at each of his stops to visit with supporters. He thanked them for the support in the past and asked for their continued support during his current campaign.



Representative Terry Spicer is shown serving pizza to Junior Miss Zion Chapel Kirsten Collins during his campaign tour stop outside the Rebel Station across from Zion Chapel Schools.



Representative Terry Spicer and his wife, Ceina, address those gathered outside the Old South Inn in Elba.



A huge crowd was in attendance for the tour's final stop at the Old South Inn in Elba to show support or simply hear the remarks made by Rep. Spicer as he began his campaign for re-election.



Little Miss New Brockton Ansley Padgett was one of several local beauty queens attending the event at Old South Inn in Elba. After queens were introduced to the crowd, Ansley found a good spot to sit down and enjoy a piece of pizza provided by the Spicer Campaign.



Rep. Spicer thanks Dean Rainey, owner of the Rebel Station, for his part in helping make the day's tour a success.

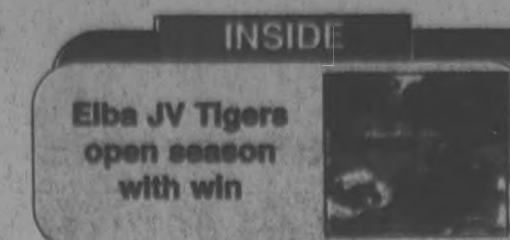
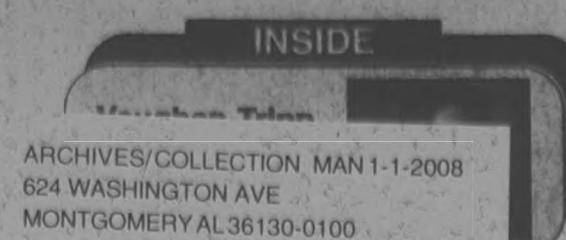
Drought assistance begins for farmers

Governor Bob Riley and Commissioner Ron Sparks will distribute funds from the USDA's drought relief program as quickly as possible to provide much needed assistance to Alabama's farmers, according to a recent release by Sparks.

This funding is part of a federal program established by the USDA that the state of Alabama will administer. Cattle farmers who live in the counties designated by the USGS Drought Monitoring System as "extreme" or "exceptional" between March 7 and August 31 will be eligible for the funds. While these counties were the most affected by drought in the state, all 67 counties in Alabama have experienced drought during the same period of time. Sparks stressed the importance of developing a comprehensive disaster bill that will include the entire state.

"There are counties that still need help," said Sparks. "We are extremely thankful for the disaster funds we are going to receive for Alabama's farmers, but we need to be sure we take care of all our farmers who have had problems because of the lack of rain."

"We hope this is an interim program and will continue to work with USDA to get additional assistance," Riley said.



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During Coffee County Commission meeting

Commissioner questions phone call made by county administrator

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners seemed to be nearing the completion of a normal meeting Monday morning, Sept. 11, when a controversial matter was revealed.

During comments from commissioners, Commissioner Linda Westbrook asked county administrator Wilson Mobley if he had called some commissioners last week indicating her interference with work of the commission office and asking for permission to not give her updates. Upon Mobley's answer of yes to that question, Westbrook explained the projects she's been working on since June.

"For the last three months it has been a very busy time for all of us. We have had a lot going on," Commissioner Linda Westbrook said. "I want this commission and anyone else that has been told that I have interfered with the work going on in the commission office to know what I have been involved with."

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Westbrook said she has been very concerned about the Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center building. She said the commission had a very bad experience in that two bid openings were held with the first architect being rejected because they were too high.

Westbrook said the services of the first architect chosen were discontinued thus forcing advertisement for proposals for a new architect. She said the commission recently voted on a new architect (Joey Bradley). She said the county has an extension until Oct. 2 for this project, and it will

have to be under contract by Oct. 2 or the county will lose the grant. Westbrook said there was a week delay with this because the new architect was not properly notified he had been hired.

"We have awarded a bid for garbage pickup, and every commissioner has been concerned with setting the monthly rate for the coming year," Westbrook said. "The first meeting in June the commission voted to have an aggressive collection plan to get those past due and slow paying customers to pay."

She said the commission voted to send out a 30-day letter, to engage a collecting agency and turn over these accounts over to that agency or small claims court.

"I was in the solid waste office one and a half days confirming addresses and amounts," said Westbrook. "I worked at home at night addressing envelopes."

She said she was in touch with Mobley and assistant administrator Kim Newman during this time, and Newman had to instruct her on the software program. Westbrook said the last time she checked, the

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New officer takes oath during NB Town Council meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, Sept. 11, and moved rather quickly through the meeting's agenda.

A swearing-in ceremony highlighted the meeting as District Judge Paul Sherling presented the oath of office to Officer Heather Koerner.

Koerner graduated in the top five of her class from the police academy, and said she learned a lot while at the academy.

Most importantly, she said she learned that being a police officer

is the career she really wants. She also said she did not know she could be pushed to the lengths she was pushed during her time at the academy; however, she said it was all worth it.

A report from street department officials revealed a problem with people putting tires out for pick up. Officials said the street department will pick up tires for residents, but there is a \$2 service fee for the pickup.

Also, officials said the street department currently is focused on clean up with the town limits, and asks for citizens to join in this effort.



Judge Paul Sherling presides over the swearing-in ceremony Monday evening, Sept. 11, for Officer Heather Koerner. Koerner, the newest member of the New Brockton Police Department graduated in the top five of her class from the police academy.

NOTICE

Beginning October 1, 2006, Coffee County will have a new company providing the rural residents garbage pickup. Arrow, Inc., will begin picking up the week of September 18, 2006. This will take several days to cover the entire county.

Remember: Do not use the new cans until October 1, 2006. Customers must continue to use the MDI cans through September 30th.

For those who have not received a new can by October 1st, do not panic. Just call the Coffee County Solid Waste Office at (334) 894-4396.

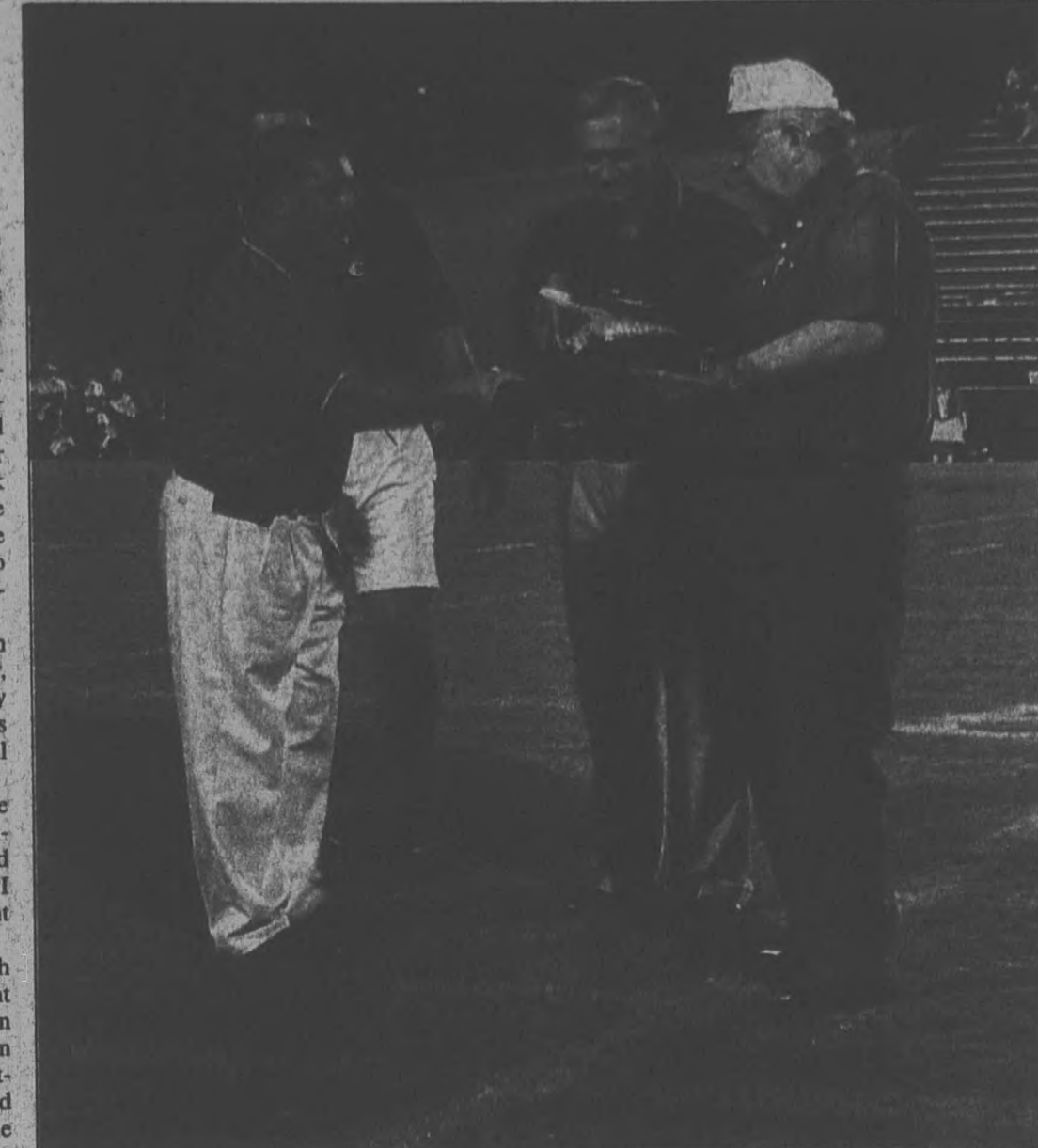
Area Happenings

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will sponsor the annual membership banquet Thursday, Sept. 14 (TODAY), at the Elba Recreation Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

THE NEW FOOTBALL SEASON enters week three Friday, Sept. 15, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will host Dale County, the New Brockton Classcocks will travel to Geneva County, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Providence Christian and the Zion Chapel Rebels will host the Brasley Bulldogs. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

OPENHOUSE AT THE ELBA ADULT DAY CARE CENTER - 122 Court Ave. Elba, Ala. - will be held Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 1-2 p.m. New manager - Betty Hicks. All prospective clients are invited to attend and check out the facility and services. For more information call 897-3151.

THE 3RD ANNUAL "BLACK DAY FESTIVAL" will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at Green Memorial Stadium on the campus of Zion Chapel High School from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.



ELBA TIGER FOOTBALL FAMILY CELEBRATES THE END OF AN ERA...Doug Holderfield, (aka) Uncle Doug, captured the attention of Elba Tiger football fans and supporters one last time Friday evening, Sept. 8, as a special presentation was made during halftime festivities. For 31 years, "Uncle Doug" used the excitement of his voice serving as the public address announcer at the games to entertain fans. However, he retired from this role prior to the start of the current season passing the duties of announcer to Eddie Vaughan. Assuring "Uncle Doug" that he nor his trademark phrases, "Here come the Tigers!" and "stopped by a host of 'em!" will not soon be forgotten at Tiger Stadium, the Elba Athletic Club, Elba High School and Representative Terry Spicer gathered last Friday evening to offer several items of appreciation and honor to Holderfield. Among the items presented to Holderfield were Elba Tiger memorabilia, a lifetime season pass tickets to all Elba Tiger sporting events, a plaque recognizing his years of service and a resolution from Governor Bob Riley. Above, Representative Terry Spicer (left) is shown presenting a copy of the resolution from Governor Riley to Holderfield (right). Also participating in the ceremony was Kevin Matthews, president of the Elba Athletic Club, and Johnny Dunn, principal of Elba High School. As the crowd stood in appreciation, Uncle Doug said, "I'm really going to miss it!"

Elba City Council approves two alcohol license applications

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council made three board appointments, approved two alcohol license applications, okayed a new budget and took the necessary steps to move into Phase 2 of the Downtown Development Project during the bimonthly meeting held Monday evening, Sept. 11.

Monthly bills also were approved for payment, and council members heard encouraging remarks from the city clerk on getting the streets resurfaced from the recent sewer repairs.

Lynn Baker was named to another three year term on the Elba Board of Adjustments. Both Kenneth Calhoun and Van McCall were named to another six year term on the Elba Planning & Zoning Board. Alcohol license applications

were accepted and approved for the Elba Country Club and Elba Shell, Inc. The council was told that the State of Alabama has not completed all their reports on the transfer of the Elba Shell, Inc. license so this one was conditionally approved pending clearance by the state ABC board.

The council passed the necessary resolutions to continue receiving funds from the Transportation Enhancement Program, used for the Downtown Project. The budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year was approved as presented to council members at the last meeting. This budget is a \$3,315,550.00 plan for the City of Elba. City Clerk Wayne Grantham expressed optimism that the sewer project work will be completed and the paving repairs ongoing within the next two

REMINDER

Build Week for the Elba Community Playground begins Wednesday, Sept. 20, and continues through Sunday, Sept. 24. See Page 15 for additional info.

To Serve and Protect with the Elba Police

Lieutenant John Nelson joined the Elba Police Department 21 1/2 years ago and has spent his entire law enforcement career with the department.

During his years of service, this seasoned veteran has attended numberless management and supervisor schools and says his most memorable experience continues to be the Elba Flood of 1990.

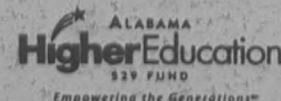
Lt. Nelson said he chose law enforcement as a career because as a child he always wanted to be a police officer.

Away from the department, Lt. Nelson said he enjoys fishing. His family includes his wife, Christine, and three sons, Jonathan, Nicholas and Isaac.



Lieutenant John Nelson

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Last week even before many of our loyal readers were helping relive our excitement over dropping gas prices, we had found them dropping even lower! Thursday in Montgomery we bought brand name gasoline for \$2.49 a gallon. Back in Montgomery on Monday of this week, the prices were continuing to drop. There were name brand stations right in town selling regular gas for \$2.43 a gallon. Our initial reaction was that the competition from the Eufaula area was pressuring prices in Montgomery. However with the drops over the weekend, maybe prices are really coming down for a change. Yet, when we pause and think about things, it is shocking for us to be excited when gasoline drops below \$2.50 a gallon. Our teeth were cut on 25¢ a gallon gas, with some gas wars dropping the price of a gallon to a dime. Of course the tax is higher than a dime now, but please don't disturb our dreams of "days gone by". Also, don't worry, gasoline in Coffee County is also headed downward, even if it is moving a bit slower.

Monday was the anniversary of "9-11" that horrible day of five years ago. There were events to honor the memory of those who died all across the USA, including right here in Elba. Hopefully our readers will not take offense, but throughout the weekend and Monday evening, when a news program on the tube started reporting on those events, we hit the clicker for another channel. Like with the Elba flood(s) memories, we just don't want the glaring reminders of such tragic events. The pain is there for each of us and in our case it is eased somewhat by not dwelling on the details.

The shuttle Atlantis is at the international space station as this is being written. Early morning reports indicate a space walking astronaut dropped a nut, washer and spring as a bolt was being installed on an addition to the one-of-a-kind... "thing". Each of us has dropped screws, nuts, etc., and scrambled around trying to pick up the wayward but important piece of hardware. One can only imagine the helpless feeling of that happening and hanging there in space watching the #0\$%&* (that of course means gee golly, gee whiz) washer and nut fall thousands of miles back to earth. You know where they are headed and there is nothing at all you can do but wave goodbye and hope each one burns up in the atmosphere before striking someone on the head as it gets back on earth.

Charles Barkley, the outspoken professional basketball star, continues to say he plans to run for governor of Alabama one day. He has already figured out that to do so, even by 2014, he has got to get his residency back into the state. We have no problem with anyone's dream of being governor, or anything else. However one thing he was quoted on in a recent AP story does bother us. He was asked if he had ever been in the governor's office in Montgomery and the answer was "no". He then reportedly added, "They don't let many black people in the governor's mansion in Alabama..." We hope that at the time he actually does run for the office, Barkley will learn that the governor's office is NOT in the mansion, but up at the end of Dexter Avenue - in the state capitol building, and we can personally testify that involved, civic minded minorities HAVE been in the Alabama governor's office... since we have been there with them.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, investigated the following incidents: two for criminal mischief, two for public intoxication, two for disorderly conduct, one minor in consumption, four for harassment, one for menacing, one for assault, one for criminal trespassing, one for possession of a controlled substance, one missing juvenile and two for domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: two for disorderly conduct, one for criminal mischief, one for minor in consumption, one for assault, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for menacing and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for no proof of insurance, one for a suspended driver's license, one for not wearing a seat belt and one for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPT. 4 - Routine activity.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5 - Fowlter reported at 1641 Claxton Ave. (12:15 a.m.); Assault reported on Mullins Circle (8:20 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6 - Wreck (vehicle hit sign) report.

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EDITORIAL

Why we fight and defend our country

By: Senator Richard Shelby

Today, we mark the fifth anniversary of September 11th, a day no American will ever forget. Five years ago, our nation was forever changed by brutal terrorist attacks on our homeland. We remember the innocent men, women, and children who lost their lives that day, the heroes who risked their lives to save others, and our brave servicemembers who fight today to preserve our great nation's security and freedom.

Although difficult, we must not forget the terrorists who were behind the attacks. Those individuals who brought terrorism to our backyard in a surprise attack on our nation not seen since Pearl Harbor. These terrorists threaten the very freedom America represents and they seek to impose their tyranny and terror around the globe. And they must be defeated.

In the wake of the September 11th attacks, the United States remains determined to face the threat and resolute to defeat the terrorists. The U.S. is better equipped with its allies to better integrate intelligence and security mechanisms in order to prevail over terrorists and the states and organizations sustaining them. Since September 11th, countless terrorist plots against the United States and our allies have been foiled, most recently the arrest of 24 people in London linked to a plot to destroy passenger aircraft over the Atlantic Ocean. The United States, working in concert with our allies, has disrupted al Qaeda's terrorist network and

has degraded its ability to organize operations, transfer money, travel, communicate, and recruit. These global efforts have led to the capture or death of three-quarters of al Qaeda's leadership, including the death of the operational mastermind of the al Qaeda network in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and the recent arrest of the number two al Qaeda leader in Iraq, Hamed Jumaa Farid al Saaydi. We have been successful at compromising al Qaeda's ability to plan and carry out a large-scale attack. Most notably, there has not been an attack on the U.S. homeland since September 11, 2001. But we must not rest on our laurels. Numerous attacks around the world are proof that the threat still exists.

Our operations in Afghanistan and Iraq are critical to our continued success in prosecuting the Global War on Terror. Working closely with U.S. forces, these two nations are continuing to lead the way in destroying al Qaeda sanctuaries. Pakistan is now a key ally in the War on Terror and played an important intelligence role in disrupting the recent London plot. The U.S. and our allies realize that full cooperation is essential to identify and destroy the terrorist threat that faces us all.

Critics of U.S. defense and foreign policy are out there - those who say that the terrorist attacks outside the United States are retribution for our military operations abroad. But let me remind you that the United States did not provoke al Qaeda in its desire to destroy our nation and Western culture. The U.S. was not engaged in military actions in the Middle East when we were attacked on

September 11, 2001. There was no war in Iraq or Afghanistan, when terrorists attacked the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983, the World Trade Center in 1993, the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia in 1996, our African embassies in 1998, or the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000. As we continue to fight to rid the world of terrorists, we must remember that if the terrorists are not defeated abroad, then the fight may once more come to our homeland. While our involvement in the War on Terror continues to be difficult, our resolve must remain strong. We simply cannot wait to be attacked again. We must take the fight to the enemy and not let the enemy bring the fight to us. Let our enemies never doubt that we will continue to pursue them wherever they may hide, and we will not stop until our victory is complete.



BUSINESS RECOGNIZES LOCAL FIREMEN/POLICE ON SEPT. 11TH... Fred's of Elba offered special recognition to local firefighters and police Monday, Sept. 11 (the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks). Store representatives said all profits from sales on Monday, Sept. 11, will be divided and donated to the Elba Police Department and Elba Volunteer Fire Department. In honor of the fifth year anniversary, the local store asked the police and firefighters to set up displays in the parking lot between the hours of 3-6 p.m. During that time, local citizens could meet the members of each department. Above, a large group of firemen and police join together for the special event. To the left, Elba volunteer firemen Clint Tindol and J.J. Farmer give a couple of interested youngsters a tour of the fire truck. Elba's School Resource Officer, Dean Blais, was also on site providing youngsters with various materials from the Elba Police Department.

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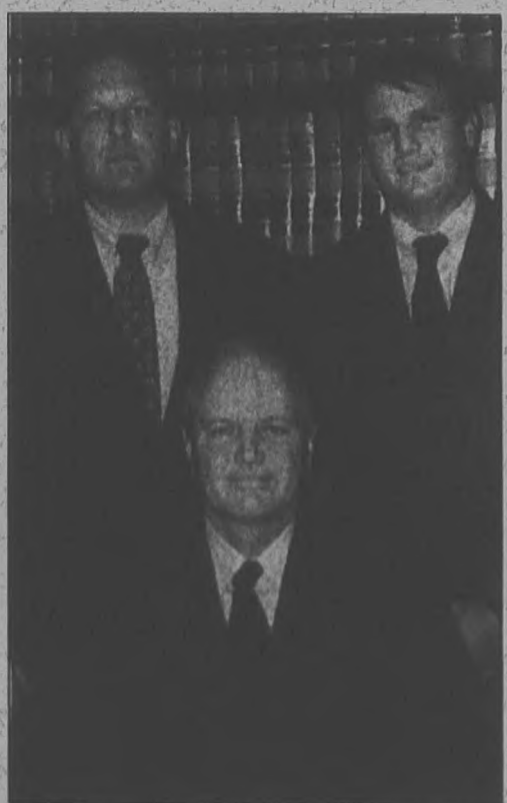
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J. Doug Martin Jr., a 1979 graduate of Elba High School, earned a B.S. degree in finance and marketing from Troy State University in 1983 and a B.S. degree in business administration from Auburn University in 1989. He completed his law degree at Jones School of Law in 1997. Doug was employed by National Security Insurance Company for 20 years and, during those years, served as Vice President and Division Chief of National Security Insurance Company. In September 1991, Doug obtained the designation of Fellow, Life Management Institute (FLM) awarded by the Life Office Management Association. He served as National Security's representative in National Insurance. Doug and his wife, the former Betty Brunson, have three children Hannah, Trey, and Griffin.

Griffin M. Shirley is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School and earned a degree in business management from Auburn University in 2001. He completed his law degree at Cumberland School of Law in 2004 and joined the Birmingham firm of Smith, Spires & Petty, P.C. and practiced for two years wherein his practice areas included all areas of insurance defense litigation. Griffin Shirley is married to the former Kelli Lovett of Dothan.

Attorney L. Merrill Shirley is also a graduate of Elba High School, earned his undergraduate degree in business administration from Auburn University, completing his law degree at Jones School of Law in 1978. Until his son and Attorney Martin joined his practice, Merrill was a sole practitioner for more than 30 years. The practice encompasses areas of civil and criminal defense litigation with the State and Federal court systems in the area. The elder Shirley is married to the former Wanda Thomas, and in addition to Griffin, has a son Leon Hillman (LeHill) of New Brockton, a daughter Mandy (Mrs. Wade) Mundy of Birmingham, and a granddaughter Laura Beth Mundy of Birmingham.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My name is Carol Laney, and I would like to say thank you to all of the people in Elba that have prayed and helped me through all these years while I have been dealing with my kidney failure.

I was diagnosed in 1991 with the disease and have been through many years of doctor visits and hospital stays. I could not have done this without the help of my friends and family.

I have had many a visit where my friends have taken me to the doctor or visited me while in the hospital. And of course always calling or coming by just to check on me or see if my family needed any help.

You just don't know how much your kindness has meant to me and my family. I just don't know how anybody can make it through life without having such friends.

Well if you have not heard, my sister is giving me a kidney on Friday Sept. 15, 2006. I will be in Birmingham for awhile but can't wait to get back to Elba a new person. So God bless.

Business Expo and Health Fair to be held Sept. 30th in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce and Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home together are planning a Business Expo and Health Fair for Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon on the square in downtown Elba.

Exhibitors will provide information and showcase their businesses. Health screenings will

you all is my prayer today, I'm honored to call you "friend". I pray God will keep you safe until we see or hear from each other again.

So to you, my friends, I would like to say, thank you for being a part of all my daily contacts. This comes right from my heart. And just think as you read this letter I have already done my last dialysis treatment. Life is great!!!!!!

Carol Laney

Editor,

Today's thoughts of our brave soldiers remind me that I have not walked in the shoes of any grieving mother of a fallen war hero, therefore I will not throw too many stones at Cindy Sheehan, who lost her son.

If one of my children was killed in Iraq, I would be suffering from more than a so-called "traumatized psyche"... a new term I have heard describing those who show discomfort over the war. Perhaps some of us have forgotten what democracy is all about.

Let's all be truthful. I heard the president's dad say that when he

hears complaints about his son sometimes it tears at his heart-strings. Is Cindy Sheehan heartless? Where should she go to voice her real discomfort... into some dark closet?

I think she is risking her life buying a five-acre piece of property next to the president's ranch, knowing she is not welcome there. Some mad, mean folks could surround her property, blowing their horns while dumping a few rattles snakes nearby.

Wouldn't it be nice if some of that rich oil came bubbling through for Sheehan? There are many millionaire "grubs" that could have snatched that land from under her nose.

It was said that the money used to buy the land could have been much more useful given to a real charity. Who can tell us what charities are the most deserving? Let Ms. Sheehan throw a party on her property if that will help ease her pain, and... who knows... her friends may throw a few thousand dollars her way. She can pass that money on to some war-torn country, and we can call it charity. Let freedom ring....

Vera Maddox-Crozier
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BALEIGH MAREE CHAPMAN
Baleigh Maree Chapman, 8 months old, of Brundidge, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006 at Troy Regional Medical Center

Survivors include three daughters: Yvonne Shores, Ocala, Fla., Beverly Hemphill, Haines City, Fla., Luanna (husband Jack) Morris, Hilton Head Island; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sept. 9, 2006 at The Cornerstone Center in Plant City. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery. The Island Funeral Home and Crematory of Hilton Head Island and Haight Funeral Home of Plant City were in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that contributions be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, Post Office Box 515, Northampton, MA 01061-0515.

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Obituaries

RUBY JONES HEMPHILL

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in Troy, Ala.

Graveside services were held Sept. 12, 2006 at Mt. Olive Cemetery in the Rocky Head Community with Rev. Joe Underwood officiating and Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her mother: Emily Chapman, Brundidge; her grandparents: Don and Shellie Chapman, Brundidge; Glen and Mary Mullin; great-grandparents: Margaret and Thomas Carr, Arlon, Ala., Pettie Lee Wambles of Coffee County; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

MILLIE BEARD GALLOWAY
Mrs. Millie Beard Galloway, age 95, of Brundidge, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 8, 2006 at her home.

Services were held Sept. 12, 2006 at St. John Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Kenny Horn, Rev. Clifford Matthews, Rev. Mack King, Rev. W.O. Sanders and Rev. Paul

Mathews (grandson) officiating and Skeen Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

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LIFESTYLES

Pea River Historical and Genealogy Society to meet September 17

The Pea River Historical and Genealogy Society will hold its first meeting of the year at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 17, in Room 100 of Talmadge Hall, Enterprise-Ozark Community College. Following a brief business meeting, a program will be presented by Dr. Martin Orlich, Director of the Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture, Troy University. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Membership in the Pea River Historical and Genealogy Society is open to anyone interested in the history and heritage of Coffee County. Membership applications can be obtained by calling the PRHGS library at 303-2901 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A volunteer will be happy to mail you a membership application.



Mr. J.C. Stuckey

Mr. J.C. Stuckey celebrates 85th birthday

Mr. J.C. Stuckey of Elba celebrated his 85th birthday Monday, Aug. 28, as guest of honor during a cookout at his daughter, Barbara Davis' home. Those in attendance were his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A Fall Book Sale to be held at the Enterprise Public Library.

The Enterprise Public Library located at 101 East Grubbs Ave. Enterprise, will have a Fall Book Sale for the public on Friday, Sept. 29, 2006 from 9:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (There will be a pre-sale to members only on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.)



Miss Emily Logan Vaughan

Miss Vaughan & Mr. Tripp to exchange vows on January 6, 2007

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Caldwell Vaughan of Mountain Brook, Alabama are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Emily Logan Vaughan, to Mr. Anthony Heath Tripp, son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael David Tripp. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. Marvyn William Petrey, Jr. and the late Mrs. Louise Jerigan Petrey of Montgomery, Alabama and Mrs. Jamey Robinson Worthington of Louisville, Kentucky, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr. of Elba, Alabama. Miss Vaughan is a graduate of Mountain Brook High School. She attended the University of Mississippi, where she served as an Ambassador and was a member of Kappa Omicron Nu Society of Collegiate Scholars.



Shaelin Melina Fleming

Ben and Patrice Fleming of Ben's Atlanta announce the birth of their baby girl, Shaelin Melina, on August 24th. Shaelin's grandparents are Robert and Martha Fleming of Brundidge and Windham and Patricia Pittman of Loveland. She was welcomed home by a big brother, Samuel Windham Fleming.



Annsley Padgett & Ms. Tracy Solomon

Attention People with Diabetes!

Do you have Pain, Tingling or Numbness in your Feet? Do you Lose your Balance or Fall Frequently? New treatment for Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Now available at Enterprise Therapy Center

Anodyne® Therapy has been clinically proven over 7 years on thousands of patients to help Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy (DPN) including:

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Registration is still open for the second mini-term at Enterprise-Ozark Community College. Courses in this term will be offered at all southeast Alabama locations: the Enterprise Campus, Ozark Aviation Campus, Fort Rucker Site from October 12 through December 11. For more information about being admitted to the College or to register, go to the website at www.eocc.edu or call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, the Ozark Aviation Campus at (334) 774-3113, or the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438.

Miss Knotts & Mr. Niemczura will be united in marriage on April 14, 2007

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Knotts of Troy, AL are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Krystal Leigh Knotts to David Joseph Niemczura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Niemczura of Cleveland, OH.

Mr. Knotts is a 2002 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is enrolled at TSU where she will receive her degree as a Paralegal. She is currently employed as an office manager with a prominent law firm in Dothan, AL.

Mr. Niemczura is a 1998 graduate of Garfield Heights High School in Garfield Heights, OH and a 2000 graduate of Johnson and Whales University in Providence, Rhode Island where he received his Bachelors degree in Sports Business Management. He is currently serving as a firefighter in the United States Army at Ft. Rucker, AL.

The wedding will be held on April 14, 2007 at the Chapel of Wings in Ft. Rucker. All guests will be invited by invitation only.

New Arrival: SHAELIN MELINA FLEMING



Annsley Padgett & Ms. Tracy Solomon

Annsley Padgett receives trophies

At the annual dance recital of the Enterprise/Dothan Schools of Dance, which is held at the Dothan Civic Center, Annsley Padgett received her first progressive trophy from Ms. Tracy Solomon, Director of the dance studio. A student must complete five years of dance before receiving her first trophy. Each year thereafter a student will continue to receive a progressive trophy. Annsley also received a second trophy for ad sales. She placed third in ad sales. For this achievement, she was featured on the cover of the annual recital program.

Recently, Annsley began her sixth year of dance. She is enrolled in jazz, ballet, tap, clogging, and acrobatics.

Annsley is the daughter of Kyle and Dana Padgett. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Sylvia Padgett, Charlotte and Ken Anderson, and Danny and Vicky Stinson. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Edna Stinson and Mrs. Nelline Hudson and the great-great-granddaughter of Mrs. Lois Hudson. She has one brother, Avery Padgett.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church to observe homecoming Sunday, September 24

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a revival from September 13 thru September 16, starting at 6:00 p.m. nightly. Special speaker will be Brother

Tyronne Leonard. The church is located on Coffee County Route 114 about one (1) mile past Wayne Farms (Southland). For more information please call

Pastor Roy Turner at 334-347-0569.

4-H NEWS ABOUT CLUBS

From: Stan Windham
County Extension Coordinator

Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Coffee County Office, conducts 4-H clubs in the Coffee County schools through the 6th grade. To enable students in the 7th - 12th grades to continue in the 4-H program and also to offer the 4-H program to all young people in the area even though they may have never been involved in 4-H, they offer an Out-Of-School Club.

The Out-Of-School Club will have their first meeting of the school year on Monday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

This is a fun and exciting club

lots of fun, refreshments, games and a chance to make new friends.

4-H is a youth development education program that will help develop talents, interests and skills. Confidence gained through 4-H experiences may also help members to excel in school and community work. It has so much to offer! It teaches leadership skills, builds citizenship, assists in molding desirable attitudes and provides opportunities for helping others. In 4-H contests, activities, or workshops are offered almost monthly. Each activity is designed to teach something. Our society is so diverse, therefore 4-H offers a wide variety of programs.

After reaching the age of 14 and being active in 4-H, there are several trips or even scholarships available. Don't miss these opportunities. Anyone in any school, who is not involved in a 4-H club is welcome to be a part of the Out-Of-School Club. JOIN OR REJOIN 4-H TODAY! Call 334/894-5596 if you have any questions.

Worship in the church of your Choice this Sunday!

Shiloh Baptist Church's 3rd Saturday Night Singing to be held this Saturday

Shiloh Baptist Church will have their 3rd Saturday Night Singing, Saturday, September 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The guest group will be "Soldiers of the Cross".

Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the music. Shiloh Baptist Church is located just off the Elba/Kinston Hwy. in the Shiloh Community.

Victory Tabernacle Church plans revival services

Victory Tabernacle Church will be in revival with evangelist Kevin Bond from Andalusia, Alabama, September 17-20. Services will begin Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

Wednesday night services will begin at 7 p.m. The church is located on North John Street in New Brockton, Alabama.

Pastors are Sis. Ruby and Bro. Doug Lawson

6th Annual Gospel Bluegrass Festival set for September 16th

The 6th Annual Gospel Bluegrass Festival will be held September 16, 2006 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Crystal Springs Park, Red Level, Alabama. Featured will be the McPherson Family, The Lighthouse String Ensemble, Big Jim Williams, The Turman Family, Juniper Creek, and South Church of God Bluegrass Boys. The singing will be hosted by The Burning Bush Family. Concessions will be provided and everyone is invited to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy the music. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken.

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to hold gospel singing

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church starting at 7 p.m. on September 16. Featured will be The Rivertown Girls and Mercy Rain. For more information contact Bill Daughy at 735-2010 or Gus Grant at 897-6793.

Round & About With Eria 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: Luke 16:1-31

L. Peterson-Moderator.

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: The Horstead and Wright Families, Rev. Charles Lane, Tonya Smith, Cathy Coleman, Betty Burks, Curtis Burks

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Leroy Cole-Sept. 10, Sunny Ellison-Sept. 10, Willie McBride-Sept. 10, Nathaniel and Annie Jean Lee-Sept. 11 (Wedding Anniversary), Grover and Eria Belcher-Sept. 12 (Wedding Anniversary), Lizzie Tyson-Sept. 13 (In Memory Of), Linda D. Hooks-Sept. 13, R.C. Carpenter-Sept. 13, Verlin Whitfield-Sept. 13, L.V. Johnson-Sept. 15, Ollie Peterson-Sept. 16, Deana Gilford-Sept. 16

THE NINETY-FOURTH SESSION of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Women's Convention will convene at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Educational Building, located on Highway 84 in Elba, Alabama. It will be held September 22-23, 2006 and the theme will be Reaching Heights.

MATRONS DAY will be September 16, 2006 and Sister Mary H. Robinson, President. Officers are Sister Alice F. Freney-President, Sister Maggie Bryant-Vice President, Sister Francis Stoudimire-2nd Vice President, Sister Ollie R. Peterson-Secretary, Rev. Willie

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria

September is "OPEN HOUSE MONTH" in the United Methodist Church.

The theme is "OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

The Elba United Methodist Church invites you to come and worship with them. Each Sunday, Worship is at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. We also have youth and children's programs.

For more information call 897-2219 or go to our web site at

Church Directory

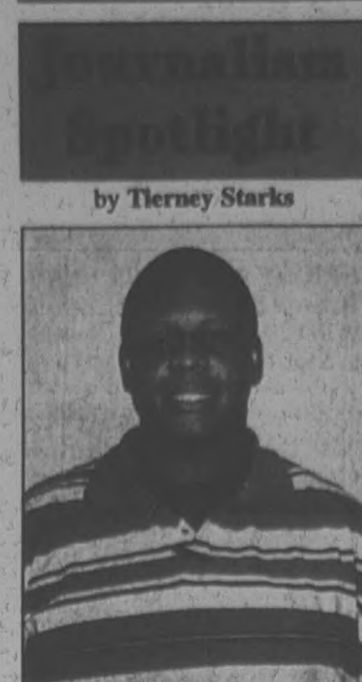
<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ARUNDINE LIFE CHURCH Samson, Ala. Pastor: Richard Thom, Sr. Pastor Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Sun. School.....10:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Nathan Carroll Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Pastor: Elsie Phillips-Cope Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Dr. Tony Dye Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Disciple Training.....9:30 p.m. Even. Worship.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Tom Senn Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Robert Davis Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Martha Baxter Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays.....10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....10:00 a.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor: E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School.....12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays</p> <p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor: Mary Gray Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Fellowship.....9:45 a.m. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal).....11:00 a.m. Children's Activities.....6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Hubert McWaters Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Clifford Matthews-Interim Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Discipline Training.....5:00 p.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Bernard Strickland Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Tim Gannells, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Pastor: Ron Stoddard Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Evangelistic Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY Pastor: Rev. David Tadlock Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Night.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Pastor: Allen Richards Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. 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Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Pastor: Danny Bradshaw Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS Pastor: Ray Stinson Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Billy Berry Sun. Service.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Willie L. Peterson Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sun. Service.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: J. R. Parks Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Bible Study.....5:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Fred Fowler Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rick Ellis Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Larry Grimes Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HERSON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Dewayne Nicholson Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Wesley D. Ard Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Garry Winstead Sunday School.....8 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MULBERRY HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: R. R. Williams, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Pastor: Mary Seavy Sunday Morn. Service.....10:30 a.m. Sun. School.....10:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service.....3:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Pastor: Hiron & Linda Williams Sunday.....10:00 a.m. Wed. Even.....7:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST ENTER-PRISING Pastor: W. R. Elliott Morning Worship.....9:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Sunday School.....7:00 p.m. Friday Evening.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Wayne Webber Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Bro. Hollis Bradley Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRASE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Pastor: Betty Morris Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH Pastor: A. R. Williams Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROSTON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. F. L. Flowers Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE AME Pastor: Rev. F. L. Flowers Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Joe Farth Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Earl Smith Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Friday Prayer Meeting.....5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Roy L. Turner Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Donnie Marler Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Pastor: Sis. Ruby Nell & Doug Lawson Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Rev. Bobby Holliday Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Randall Pearson Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILLS ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor: Kenneth Hagler Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST Pastor: Roger Lee Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Pastor: Mike Medley Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Chris Barrow Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p>
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by Tierney Starks

This week's Journalism Spotlight is **Justin L. Williams**. Justin, a senior, is the 18-year-old son of Ernest and Margaret Williams. He is involved in Student Council, Key Club, EHS Ambassadors, president of FCCLA and business manager for the Journalism Staff.

Justin said he is really enjoying journalism. He also stated that he is excited about his senior year, and he hopes it continues to go well.

His future plans are to attend EOCC and transfer to a university and major in criminal justice and minor in sports medicine.

Elba caps and visors on sale through Sept. 14

Elba caps and visors will be on sale through Thursday, September 14.

The caps will be black with an "E" on the front in Vegas Gold trimmed in white and Tigers on the back of the cap. Visors will have "Elba" on the front and tigers on the back.

Caps and visors are velcro, so one size fits all.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows

Rep. Terry Spicer talks with students

by Michael Hall

On Monday, Aug. 28, Representative Terry Spicer came to Elba High School and talked with Coach Grimes' first and third block classes about the job of being a representative.

Rep. Spicer discussed his tasks and responsibilities as a representative and talked about how he works with several people in the community. He also has the task of passing bills that pay for things around the city.

Rep. Spicer explained to the students that he is trying to make Elba High School the best that it can be.

Varsity Lady Tigers participate in annual Kinston Set-Off Tournament

by Melanie Mularz

The Elba Lady Tigers Varsity Volleyball team participated Saturday, Aug. 26, in the annual Kinston Set-Off Tournament.

The tournament was pool play with the top two teams from each pool advancing to actual tournament play. The Lady Tigers faced county rival New Brockton Gamecocks, 4A Andalusia, and private school Providence Christian.

The girls learned a number of things from the tournament. Their strong points showed, as well as their weaker areas.

The team, along with the Jr. High, also participated in the Andalusia Tournament recently.

The Lady Tigers will be attending the Providence Tournament on September 29 and 30.

Support the Lady Tigers!

Freshmen receive information regarding Alabama High School Graduation Exam

by Christina Bryant

On Friday, Aug. 25, freshman at Elba High School met with Mrs. Lynn Weeks, counselor, to discuss requirements for the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE).

Mrs. Weeks lectured on the importance of taking time on each portion of the test and trying to pass the exam the first time. The AHSGE consists of five different parts: social science, reading, English, math and science.

Over the duration of their high school career, students have seven attempts to take and pass each portion. As a ninth grader, students are allowed to take the math portion of the AHSGE.

As an incentive, Elba High administrators have rewarded the student body by allowing them to come for half a day the week of the graduation exams. Hopefully, this made the freshman take a deeper look at the AHSGE.



Elba High School ninth graders look over information given to them regarding the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Clara Burrows

2006 Football Season: Week 3 Elba Tigers vs. Dale County Warriors (home)



The Lady Tigers Varsity Volleyball team consists of: (front, l to r) Melanie Mularz, Cynricka Dean, Kayla Kyser, Shanicka Pruitt and Haley Sinton; (back, l to r) April Finedore, LeAnna Henderson, Clara Burrows, Anna Petty, Kayla Rials, Jenae Canley, Keke Oliver and Coach Amanda Martin.

This week's Co-Op Spotlight is **Adam Henderson**.

He is the son of J.R. Henderson and Ellen Stephens. Adam has been working at Horizon Vault and Monument Company for one year. He does general maintenance and monument installation.

His plans for the future are to be the best he can be and to have a degree.

"See You at the Pole" planned for Sept. 27th

"See You at the Pole" for students 7th-12th grade nationwide will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Elba High School flagpole.

Community leaders are invited to participate at this special event. All students are invited to come and pray for the school.

All students are asked to invite a friend in hopes of a great turnout.

Yearbook Notice:

by Michael Hall

The new yearbooks have arrived at Elba High School. Anyone that purchased a yearbook can pick it up at the school.

Extra yearbooks have been ordered and can be purchased for \$45. The yearbooks are all color and can be purchased from a journalism member or by calling the school (897-2266) to place an order.

Battle for the Spirit Stick underway at Elba High School

by Melanie Mularz

Elba High School's Student Council has brought back the tradition of the spirit stick but in a new way.

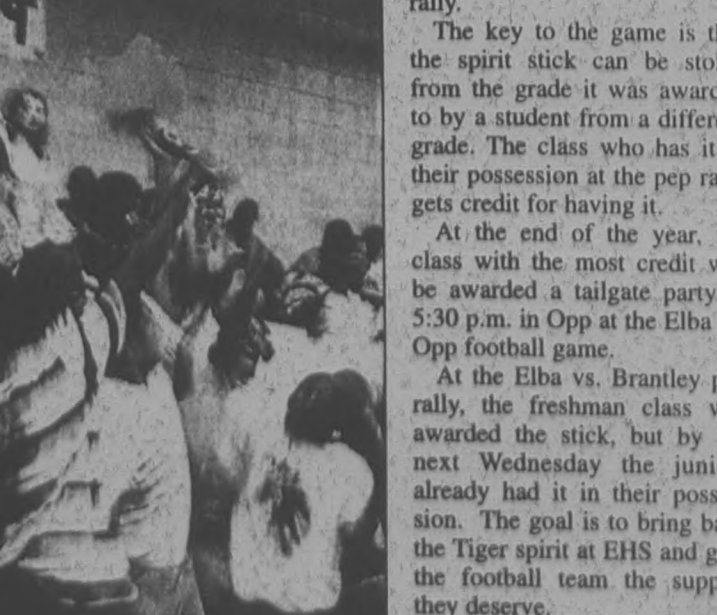
Every Friday at the pep rally each grade sits together as a class and shows their spirit for the Tigers. The grade with the most spirit at the pep rally is awarded the stick and keeps it until the next Friday at the pep rally.

The key to the game is that the spirit stick can be stolen from the grade it was awarded to by a student from a different grade. The class who has it in their possession at the pep rally gets credit for having it.

At the end of the year, the class with the most credit will be awarded a tailgate party at 5:30 p.m. in Opp at the Elba vs. Opp football game.

At the Elba vs. Brantley pep rally, the freshman class was awarded the stick, but by the next Wednesday the juniors already had it in their possession. The goal is to bring back the Tiger spirit at EHS and give the football team the support they deserve.

All classes are reminded to hold on to that stick because it could be gone before anyone knows it.



THE MAIN FOCUS OF ELBA HIGH STUDENTS during weekly pep rallies is to capture the Spirit Stick. It is constantly up for grabs, and all grades are competing to show school spirit for the Tigers.

SCHOOLS



Sponsor: Lori Cotney

NBHS offering graduation exam remediation

New Brockton High School recently purchased remediation for the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.

All students now have help with the language, math, science and social science sections

of the exam by using the web-site USA Test Prep.com.

The website is helpful to teachers as well, offering worksheets, flash cards, crossword puzzles, and a program to track the progress for each of their

students. Since the program is web-based, students and teachers can use it from home or any other place with internet access.

Principal Dale Kelley stated, "I believe that this program is going to be very beneficial to our entire student body. All students have access to this remediation, and can begin practicing for the exam in the 7th grade. We are encouraging all teachers and students to take advantage of these tutorials. We are expecting outstanding results."

The Alabama High School Graduation Exam will be given the week of September 18. Students need to see Lori Cotney or any teacher for their login information.



Seniors Amber Hood, Ashley Stanford, Collin Creel and Sheridan Foster get in some practice for the Graduation Exam.

School nurse hired for NBHS

In an unprecedented move, NBHS hired its very own school nurse for the first time.

Joanna Hawkins has been very busy since the beginning of school, taking care of a wide range of health concerns. Both students and teachers alike are appreciating her welcome addition to the faculty.

Hawkins is a New Brockton native, graduating from NBHS and then later G.C. Wallace Community College. She has three children: Aubrey, 13; Sara Beth, 10; and Jaxon, 7. She likes the outdoors, and enjoys camping and fishing. She also likes to read, listen to music, and go to the beach.

Hawkins says she is really happy to be back at her alma mater. "New Brockton is a great place. It's like having an extended family."

Hawkins' office is in the main office of the school, and she occasionally helps out the school secretary, Mrs. Hamilton. Having a school nurse has been a blessing, and students are consistently pleased when they remember that they have someone to help them.

Principal Dale Kelley, jokingly labeled her office door "Hawkins' Clinic."

When asked what she likes about being the school nurse she replied, "I love being able to help the students. I try to relate to them by just being myself."

Ms. Hawkins also tries to teach students that they have a certain responsibility for their own health. "Sometimes things happen to us that are out of our control; however, there are many choices that we can make to take care of ourselves and ensure our health. I want the students to see that I care about them and that what's important to them is important to me. Our health consists of so much more than just our physical well-being. Being healthy is mental and emotional as well."

Ms. Hawkins wouldn't let us in on too many of her secrets. When asked about any hidden talents she replied, "If I told you then they wouldn't be hidden anymore." She did admit, however, that she is afraid of cats, and that her pet peeve is when someone says they will do something and then doesn't follow through.

SUPPORT THE NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE GAMES!



Interested students stop by the club tables to talk to current members about joining.

Kickoff for clubs held at New Brockton High School

New Brockton High School hosted its Club Kick-Off day Tuesday, Sept. 5, during a school-wide assembly.

Each club's sponsor or officers made a presentation highlighting their club events, activities, fund-raising, community services, and state/national competitions. The assembly was followed by club meetings, where students could pick up applications and learn more about the club of their interest.

For such a small school, NBHS has a wide variety of clubs to offer, such as Ambassadors, Beta Club



FCCLA delivers its presentation highlighting national awards.

(Senior and Junior), FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, Media Club, SGA, Tri-M and Yearbook Staff. Students can also become very active in their class activities, such as participating in Homecoming and hosting the Junior/Senior Prom.

The Gamecock Pride Marching Band, which has increased its membership in the past year, is also available for those with musical interests.

All students were and are encouraged to participate in at least one club of their interest. Being involved and participating in any way helps as individuals, as a school and as a community.

Brandon Griswold encourages students to join FEA.

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I went with the family to Wal-Mart the other day and couldn't help but laugh as it took us almost fifteen minutes just to pick out shampoo. My wife wanted a new brand that promised to give life and fullness to flat, lifeless hair, while my youngest daughter went straight to the high-priced brands and came out with a shampoo that had a matching conditioner. I will admit it took me a little while to pick out my brand, but that was because when you don't have any more hair than I do you look for the cheapest!

ELBA TIGERS STILL SCORELESS AFTER TWO WEEKS

The Elba Tigers were shut out by Headland 15-0 last week to fall to 0-2 on the young season, and even more surprising than the Tigers' winless start is the fact they have yet to score a point after eight quarters of action. Coach Scott Rials and his Tigers have lit up the scoreboard the past two seasons and more of the same was expected again this year. However, after the first two weeks of the season Elba has yet to reach the endzone and many fans are convinced the wide-open formations and style of play used by the Tigers simply will not work with this year's level of talent. I am not a fan of the spread offense and feel it has led to as many turnovers as touchdowns the past two seasons, but I will admit this year's team has been able to move the ball. It just can't seem to sustain a drive long enough to reach the endzone. While the offensive woes have been troubling, another big problem area has been the Tigers' kicking game. In just two games Elba has had one punt blocked, one low snap result in a big loss, one high snap result in a safety and three punts returned for touchdowns. There is no way a team at any level of competition can be successful without a solid kicking game, and after two weeks the kicking game at Elba has been nothing short of terrible. Enough of the negatives... the Elba defense played well enough to win last week and limited Headland to only three first downs and forty-four yards in total offense. Headland had a huge size advantage over the Tigers and tried to play physical, hard-nosed football. However, the Tigers never once backed down and got after the ball on every play. I know the coaches at Elba High recognize the weaknesses of this year's team even more than we as fans do and have plans to make improvements, but the rumblings from the fans here in Tigertown are getting louder already and unless something changes soon they will only get worse. Boy do we need a win!

COUNTY TEAMS STRUGGLE, BRANTLEY ROLLS

The second week of the high school football season wasn't a good week for the county teams as all three suffered losses and only Brantley made it able to post a win. Here is a quick look back....

*** **Brantley** made it look easy in a 55-0 win over Pleasant Home in a game that saw the officials put only six minutes on the clock for each of the final two quarters due to the huge Bulldog lead. The Bulldogs barely worked up a sweat in the region win and continued their total dominance over any and all challengers as in three games this season (including the preseason game) they have outscored their victims 155-0.

*** **Zion Chapel** dropped its region opener to Arton and all of the sudden the Rebels are starting an 0-2 start square in the face. The Rebels were expected to post a big road win to open region play after knocking off New Brockton in week #1, but may have got caught reading the headlines and must now regroup and rededicate themselves to being the best they can be every time they take the field.

*** **New Brockton** rallied from a 21-0 deficit to Wicksburg to send the game into overtime, but saw a confusing ending to regulation and a dropped pass in the second overtime seal their fate as they fell to 0-2 on the season. The Gamecocks could easily be 2-0 after two weeks of action and be flying high. However, they are 0-2 and need something good to happen in a hurry to prove to the players they can indeed win.

*** **Kinston** was expected to chalk up an easy win over lowly McKenzie, but found out that last season is in the past as the upstart Tigers broke loose late and handed the Bulldogs a big 40-21 defeat. The Bulldogs' offense did come to life in the loss and showed signs of progress both on the ground and in the air, but the defense gave up over 40 points for the second straight week, and that will not lead to any wins against any opponent.

SECOND WEEK OF SEASON RAISES MORE QUESTIONS

The second week of the high school football is now in the books and for many prep fans the second week's results did little but raise even more questions. Here are a few....

*** Is Carroll, of Ozark, really that bad? The Eagles made the news last season under new coach Ronnie Cottrell and made the 5A playoffs, but have been pounded by Enterprise 38-0 and Charles Henderson 44-7 in the first two weeks of the season. Many Eagle fans felt a letdown may be coming after graduating over 30 seniors, but the two early-season blow-out losses have even the biggest Carroll fans scratching their heads. It will be interesting to see if the Eagles can bounce back.

*** Is Geneva really that good? The Geneva Panthers had been consistent winners in the 4A ranks for many years and some of their fans were jumping up and down when the word came the Panthers would drop to 3A this season. The 44-13 season-opening win over Hillcrest got a lot of attention, but last week the Panthers stunned defending 3A state champ Pike County 44-43, in a three overtime thriller, and all of the sudden Geneva is a state contender.

*** Is Straughn as weak as many fans say? The Straughn Tigers have been a football power for over a decade and before the season kicked off most of the so-called experts' had the Tigers picked third in the region race. Well, the season is now two weeks old and the Tigers are 0-2 after losses to Red Level 41-0 and Abbeville 27-10. Look for the Tigers to bounce back, but with

Geneva, Pike County and T.R. Miller next up on their schedule, the Tigers are staring an 0-5 start square in the eye.

*** and, Is Greenville really on its way back? The once-proud Tigers are off to a fast 2-0 start this season after wins over Georgiana 35-0 and B.T. Washington 27-14, and many football fans over in Butler County are already singing the praises of their new coach Bryant Vincent. While there is little doubt the Tigers are better, wise judgment would be to wait until their week #4 match-up with 5A power Eufraila. That should answer any and all questions.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The college football season put the wraps on week #2 and here in Alabama it was somewhat of a winning week as Auburn and Alabama both won, while Troy almost pulled off what one national sportscaster had called the "biggest upset in college football history."

Auburn made it look relatively easy against punch less Mississippi State, but failed to make much of a statement as the Tigers running game remained for the most part unimpressive. Alabama sneaked past Vanderbilt and even the biggest Crimson Tide fan couldn't find much good to say after the Tide's second straight listless performance against less than stellar opponents. Troy led Florida State midway through the fourth quarter and almost pulled off the biggest win in school history, only to see the Seminoles rise up late and salvage some national pride with a hard fought win over the Trojans. I know the players and coaches in Troy are disappointed and won't even listen to those that speak of moral victories. However, last week they made all Alabama football fans proud and that was in itself quite a feat!

*** Elba High School dedicated the pressbox at Tiger Stadium the "Doug Holderfield Pressbox" during ceremonies last week and it was a well deserved honor for a man that has given so much to the school for almost four decades. Doug had been the "Voice of the Tigers" for as long as anyone can remember as the Tigers' PA announcer at all football games, but he was also there whenever the school called and over the years was also a fixture at the crowning of the homecoming queen. Doug retired this season as the PA man for the Tigers and has since moved his radio station to Enterprise, but he will forever be the "Voice of the Tigers" as far as thousands of Elba Tiger fans are concerned.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office early Sunday morning and was still griping about the fact Elba, Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton all lost on the same night. He pointed out that Enterprise's win over Dothan salvaged a little county pride, but shook his head and mumbled something about the old days being gone forever. Anyway, the local guesser hit on 33 of 42 picks' last week to move his early-season totals to 54-15 and then dropped this week's picks on the table. Here they are....

ELBA VS. DALE COUNTY

The Pea River felines lost even more fur last week and Friday night must be really careful to avoid getting totally scalped by a tribe of undefeated redskins from over in Dale County. These injuries have snuck up and ambushed their opening two victims, and may have plans to make some fur coats before cooler weather arrives. Something tells me another surprise is on the way....

ELBA 14 DALE COUNTY 7

Tigers looking to get on scoreboard and claim a big region win Friday night against Dale County Warriors

The Elba Tigers will be looking to snap a four-game losing streak and get on the scoreboard for the first time this season Friday night when they host the Dale County Warriors in a key Class 3A, Region 2 match-up, at Mack Wood Field.

The Tigers will enter the game with an 0-2 record after opening the season with losses to Brantley 49-0 and Headland 15-0, while the Warriors will bring a 2-0 record into the clash with wins over G.W. Long 14-3 and Slocomb 7-0.

"Dale County has a new coach and a new attitude," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "and will come over here Friday night excited and determined to win its third straight game. Last season Dale County went 0-10 and had less than twenty players dressed out, but this season it is headed back in the right direction and we will have our hands full on both offense and defense."

"Offensively," added Coach Rials, "Dale County will operate out of the wing-t and will be very patient. It will pound the ball inside and play physical football, then run a reverse or a trap play and spring a back for a big gain. Last week it ran a half-back pass on the first play of the game and scored a touchdown, and at the end of the night had a 7-0 win. Dale County may not be fancy on offense, but it is disciplined and doesn't make mistakes. On defense, Dale County has allowed only three points in two games and is very quick and aggressive. There is no doubt Dale County will watch the film of our two games and have a solid game plan to shut us down."

Dale County, coached by Todd Horne, has without a doubt been the surprise team of the state this season in winning its first two games after posting an 0-10 mark last season and ending the season with only 15 players.

"We ended last season with 15 players and only nine of them are back," stated Coach Horne in a preseason publication. "We are going to have young kids with no experience and there is no remedy for inexperience other than playing."

When asked about last week's 15-0 region loss to Headland, Coach Rials stated "We made some costly penalties and had some big mistakes in the kicking game. On offense we had a few bad snaps early on and one bad snap late that we lost twenty yards on that killed a drive. We actually played better on offense and moved the ball well between the twenties, but had two penalties inside the ten that

kept us off the scoreboard. We had ten plays of over ten yards and ten plays that resulted in minus yards. That is way too inconsistent for a young team if it expects to be successful. On defense I thought we played the best game since I have been here. We tackled better, were much more aggressive and played hard on every single down."

Region match-ups on the line Friday night for area high school football teams

The high school football season will enter its third week of action Friday night and for teams in the area the week will mean a return to region wars as the teams try to set themselves up for a possible run at a state playoff berth.

Following are previews of this week's action:

New Brockton at Geneva County

The (0-2) New Brockton Gamecocks will be trying to lasso that elusive first win Friday night when they travel to Hartford to battle the (2-0) Geneva County Bulldogs. New Brockton has come close in both its season-opening games, but has failed to hang a "W" on the wall as the Gamecocks have been defeated by Zion Chapel 7-6 and Geneva County 27-21, in double-overtime. Geneva County will bring a 2-0 slate into the region match-up after wins over Kinston 41-0 and G.W. Long 19-16, and the Bulldogs will be fired up as they look to win in front of their home fans. The records will mean little in this region clash and it could very well be another battle to the final horn.

Kinston at Providence Christian

The (0-2) Kinston Bulldogs will hit the road to Dothan Friday night when they tangle with the (1-1) Providence Christian Eagles in a key early-season region contest for both teams. The Bulldogs will be hungry for a win after losses to Geneva County 41-0 and McKenzie 40-21, and know that an 0-2 start in region play will all but eliminate the 'Dogs after only three weeks of the season. Providence stands at 1-1 in its first season of varsity competition after a win over Isabella 24-7 and a loss to Florala 28-21. However, Providence is one of the surprise teams in the area after just two weeks of play and many feel the upstart Eagles may very well be a playoff contender. This region battle is big for both teams and after the final horn one could very well be out of the playoff picture after only three weeks of the season.

Zion Chapel at Brantley

The (1-1) Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to pull off a huge upset and avoid falling to 0-2 in region play Friday night when they travel to Brantley to meet the top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs. The Rebels opened the season with a big 7-6 win over cross-county rival New Brockton, but fell to region rival Arton 23-13 last week and need a win this week to avoid dropping their first two region battles of the young season. Brantley has been as dominant as ever in early-season play in rolling to wins over Elba 49-0 and Pleasant Home 55-0, and the Bulldogs are already talking playoffs. While the Bulldogs will be a huge favorite and will be at home, the Rebels need to play well and win or lose need a solid showing to set the tone for the remainder of the season.

SPORTS



SNEAKING AROUND THE END... is Elba Tiger running back Bobby Hudson (28) as Tiger lineman Clint Bradshaw (65) and Chase Boutwell (74) lead the way. Hudson gained 79 yards on 22 carries Friday night in the Tigers' 15-0 loss to Headland.



Elba Tiger wide-receiver Jason Mitchell (5) is knocked out of bounds under the watchful eyes of Elba coaches after pulling in a short pass during action last week. Elba will return to region action Friday night when they host the Dale County Warriors.

Drop region opener

Elba Tigers shut-out by Headland 15-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Cupps

The Elba Tigers failed to score for the second straight week and saw their record slip to 0-2 on the season Friday night when they were blanked by the Headland Rams 15-0, at Tiger Stadium.

E	STATISTICS	H
10	1st Downs	3
37-70	Rushes-Yds.	29-37
89	Passing Yds.	7
159	Total Offense	44
13-27-3	Passes	1-9-2
7/0	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
4-34	Punts-Avg.	7-30
4-40	Penalties-Yds.	6-45

Elba moved the chains once on its opening possession of the night on a 24-yard scamper by Bobby Hudson, but failed to mount an offensive threat on its next two series and on both series suffered from bad snaps on punt attempts.

A low snap after Elba's second possession handed the ball over to Headland at the Elba 28-yardline, and the Rams moved to a fourth down and one at the Elba 19, only to be turned back on fourth down when the Tigers' Dimetrio Tyson stopped Ram running back Dwon Roy behind the line for a 4-yard loss.

The second bad snap sailed over the head of Elba punter Jacob Forbes, and Forbes kicked the ball out of the endzone for a safety as Headland took a 2-0 lead with 2:45 remaining in the first quarter.

Elba got a break early in the second quarter when Jacob Forbes recovered a Headland fumble at the Rams 46-yardline, and the Tigers took advantage of the turnover as they began a march toward the Headland endzone. A 20-yard run by Bobby Hudson and a 4-yard pass completion from Gavin Respress to Don Rhoades moved the Tigers inside the Headland 20, and it appeared the Tigers had a first down at the Ram 9-yardline after a fourth down scamper by Respress. However, Elba was flagged for clipping on the key fourth down run, and one play later the scoring threat went by the board.

Elba threatened again late in the second quarter when the Tigers marched 50 yards in four plays to reach a first down at the Headland 20-yardline. Gavin Respress connected with Trey Belcher for a 16-yard gain and with Frank Morris for a 9-yard gain to spark the drive, only to see the drive set back when a 12-yard completion from Respress to Belcher was wiped off by a penalty against the Tigers for a late block downfield. Elba failed to recover from the penalty, and when a 34-yard field-goal try by Jacob Forbes fell short, the Tigers went in at halftime still trailing 2-0.

Elba's kicking game problems continued into the second half, and this time the Rams

were able to extend their lead when Dwon Roy fielded a punt near the sidelines, avoided a tackle and raced 83 yards untouched in front of the Elba bench for a Headland touchdown. The extra-point attempt sailed wide, but with 2:59 left in the third quarter the Rams' lead was up to 8-0.

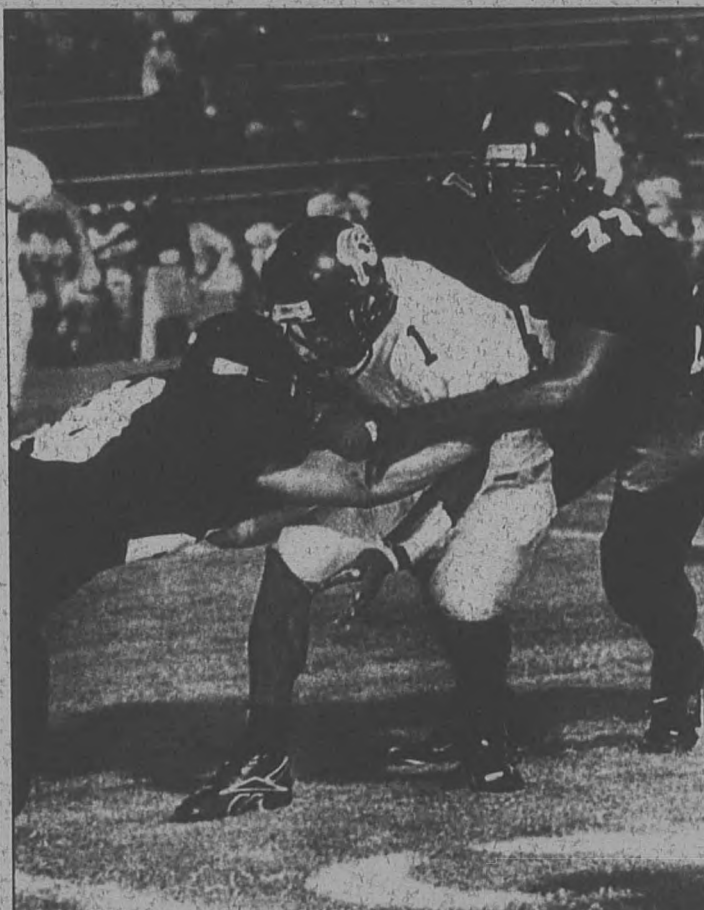
The Tiger offense sputtered on its next series and suffered a pass interception, while on their next series the Tigers moved to a first down at the Headland 32-yardline, only to again suffer an interception, this time by Jarvis Robinson, who returned the interception 47 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was successful and with 8:02 left in the fourth quarter Elba trailed 15-0.

Elba started three more offensive series in the game's closing minutes, but twice failed to convert on fourth down plays, and suffered a pass interception on its final possession as its scoreless streak reached eight quarters in the 15-0 loss to Headland.

Bobby Hudson gained 79 yards on 22 carries to lead the Elba running game, while Gavin Respress added 29 yards on 7 carries and completed 13 of 27 passes, with 3 interceptions, for 89 yards. Frank Morris pulled in 5 passes for 39 yards and Trey Belcher caught 3 passes for 44 yards.

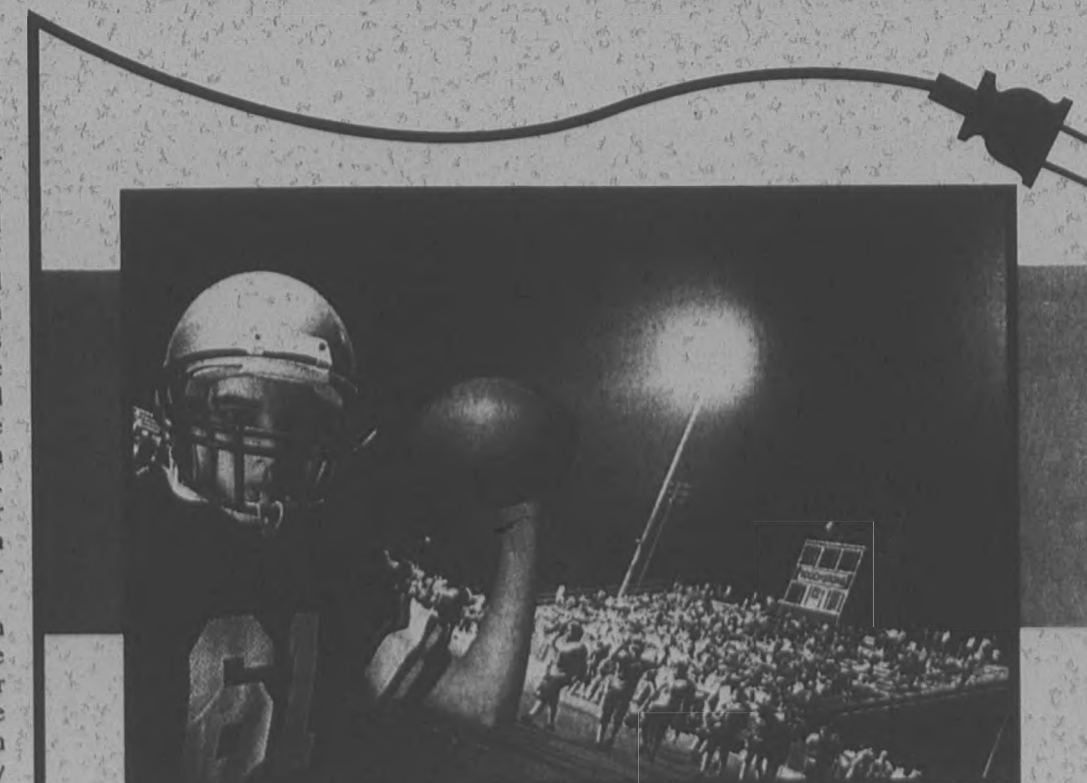
The Elba defense, which limited Headland to 44 yards in total offense, was led by Chase

Boutwell with 6 tackles and 2 assists. Matthew Brunson added 5 tackles and 3 assists, while Trey Belcher had 4 stops and 3 assists and Dimetrio Tyson had 4 tackles and 1 assist. Justin Hammonds and Frank Morris both had pass interceptions and Jacob Forbes had a fumble recovery.



Elba defenders Bobby Hudson (28) and Dimetrio Tyson (77) combine to stop a Ram runner for no gain. The Tiger defense allowed only 44 yards of total offense.

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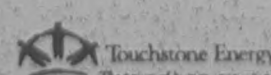


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COMMUNITY NEWS



MRS. KATE MACON CELEBRATED HER 86TH BIRTHDAY while in rehab for an injury. There were 22 family members present for a surprise party in Enterprise. She received many beautiful gifts and was wished a speedy recovery by all.

ACCA recognizes Coffee County for safety and loss control efforts

The outstanding safety and loss control efforts of several Alabama counties were recognized during a special ceremony recently during the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama's 78th Annual Convention.

During the ceremony, representatives from Clay, Coffee, Elmore, Henry, Lamar, Limestone, Marshall, St. Clair and Winston Counties received recognition for having the lowest loss ratios. Each county was awarded a \$1,000 check from the Association's Self-Insured Liability Fund.

"These awards are a strong reminder to county officials and to citizens that safety in county buildings and by county employees benefits everyone," said ACCA President and Clarke County Commissioner Rhondel Rhone. "We are extremely proud of the efforts of these counties that were honored during our convention."

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UDC members compile list of Confederate Veterans buried in Coffee County

Two members of the General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have compiled a list of Confederate Veterans buried in Coffee County.

This project was begun several years ago by UDC member Helen Lewis who became interested when she found a list of Confederate Veterans by Norman Dangler in Coffee County. Through contact with descendants of veterans, she added to the original list. She also obtained a county map and marked on it the location of the cemeteries. This map is a useful tool for those looking for the location of ancestors' graves.

After much work, Lewis had to put the project aside for health reasons.

Several months ago Lewis passed the project to fellow UDC member Donna Clark, who began working to add names to the list. Clark found two other lists, one by Dallas Hudson and one by Linda Ayres. All three lists were similar yet some names were different, so these three lists were merged into one.

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AMEA board names Fred Clark new chief operating officer

The Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) Board of Directors today announced the hiring of Fred D. Clark, Jr. as the municipal power provider's chief operating officer (COO), effective October 2, 2006. AMEA generates and provides electricity to 11 Alabama municipalities that own and operate their own electric utility. Clark, who currently serves as the executive director of Electric Cities of Alabama, will assume the duties of president and chief executive officer (CEO) upon the June 2007 retirement of longtime AMEA President and CEO Robert W. Clausen, who is the only person to serve in that position since AMEA's inception in 1981, informed the board earlier this year of his plans to retire.

The AMEA Board of Directors conducted an exhaustive, nationwide search before selecting Clark for the position. "Fred's background and management experience in municipally-owned utilities, as well as his wealth of knowledge of national, state, and local governments, made him the obvious choice to lead AMEA into the future," said Wayne Duke, chairman of the AMEA board of directors. "The board had a wonderful opportunity to get to know Fred and observe first-hand his skills and abilities

because of the close relationship between AMEA and Electric Cities of Alabama. Bob Clausen has done an outstanding job building AMEA into the successful organization it is today, and Fred Clark is the right person to take the reins of leadership."

In 1999, Clark became the first executive director of Electric Cities of Alabama, which is the statewide association for municipally-owned electric utilities. Clark's responsibilities included state and federal governmental affairs, as well as the development of other association services.

Clark began his political and legislative career in 1987 as a legislative assistant for former United States Senator Howell Heflin. Clark's responsibilities for Sen. Heflin included all legislation considered or developed in the Senate Agriculture Committee and directing staff work on the Senate Subcommittee on Rural Development and Rural Electrification.

In 1989, Mr. Clark accepted a position as a Washington legislative representative for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. His primary legislative areas of responsibility included authorizations and appropriations in the U.S. Congress regarding rural electrification and energy issues.

In 1990, Clark accepted a position as state director for U.S. Senator Richard Shelby. His responsibilities included management of Sen. Shelby's five in-state offices, constituent relations, and in-state political strategic planning.

In 1991, Clark became the president of the Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives (AREAC). Clark directed association programs,

Elba Playground Project Build week only one week away

Excitement continues to grow as Build Week for the Elba Playground Project draws near. The playground will be built next week beginning Wednesday, Sept. 20. The build will continue daily through Sunday, Sept. 24.

According to Laurie Chapman, general coordinator for the project, there are still many things to be done to get ready for the build.

Volunteers are a vital ingredient for making this project a success. No construction experience is necessary to take part in this build. There will be plenty of jobs for everyone.

Anyone wanting to volunteer to help during build week can call Laurie Chapman at 897-1152 to sign up; however, those who do not sign up prior to the build can still volunteer. Just come to the build site, and there will be a volunteer table on site for sign up.

Loaned tools from the tools list (see list to the right) are another important ingredient for success. Committee members are working desperately to acquire these loans. Those who loan tools will get their tools back as good or better condition.

These wanting to bring their own tools daily can do so, but the tools have to be checked and approved for safety.

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Clark has made several copies of this compiled book of Confederate Veterans. One will be placed in the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Library in Enterprise and copies will also be placed in other research libraries.

In the front of the book is a list of cemeteries and a map marking the location of each. This tool will assist the researcher in finding the desired cemetery. For ease of research, the veterans are listed by cemetery in the first section of the book and in the second section they are listed in alphabetical order.

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Clark is a native of Elba, Alabama and is married to Blake Guthrie Clark of Enterprise. They have two children, a daughter, Laura Catherine Clark and a son, Fred Denison Clark, III. Clark is a graduate of Auburn University and holds a Bachelor of Science and Master's of Agriculture degree.

The Alabama Municipal Electric Authority provides electricity to more than 350,000 municipal customers in Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette, Piedmont, Sylvauga and Tuskegee. The AMEA headquarters is located at 804 Perry Street in Montgomery, AL.

Shandez Daniels Foundation selling "in memory" t-shirts

The Shandez Daniels Foundation, a non-profit organization, has t-shirts for sale in memory of Elba Tiger (aka) Shank #23.

This homecoming will be his 10-Year Class Reunion. The deadline for ordering by the homecoming game is Oct. 2nd. Elba High School will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, Oct. 27.

Anyone interested in purchasing a t-shirt should contact: Linda Tyson at (334) 286-7199; Pam Mitchell at (334) 897-3187; or Lulu Cole at (334) 897-5689.

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(16) Sawdust. Various sizes. Phillips and regular heads.

(8) Shaper. Fine-point magic markers.

(34*) Shovel. Long-handle shovel preferred.

(28) Sponges. Kitchen type.

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(3) Vice grips.

(30) Wheelbarrows.

(4) Wrenches, adjustable crescent. 1-inch or larger.

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(5 sets) Wrenches, ratchet. With complete sets of deep-well sockets, especially 9/16-inch.

Also 1/2-inch or 3/8-inch drive extensions, universal, and any other gizmos.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he thinks commissioners should have the right to say what they want without being interrupted by the gavel while Brooks said he thinks some of the issues discussed during the meeting could easily have been discussed during a working session.

"I don't think any one of us wants to be in a situation where we feel we can't call and get information," Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said.

He said the commissioners are voted on by the public and have a responsibility to the people they serve.

Dalrymple concluded his remarks by saying, "The chair only has the power this commissioner gives him. He does not have the power to censor other commissioners."

See Next Week's

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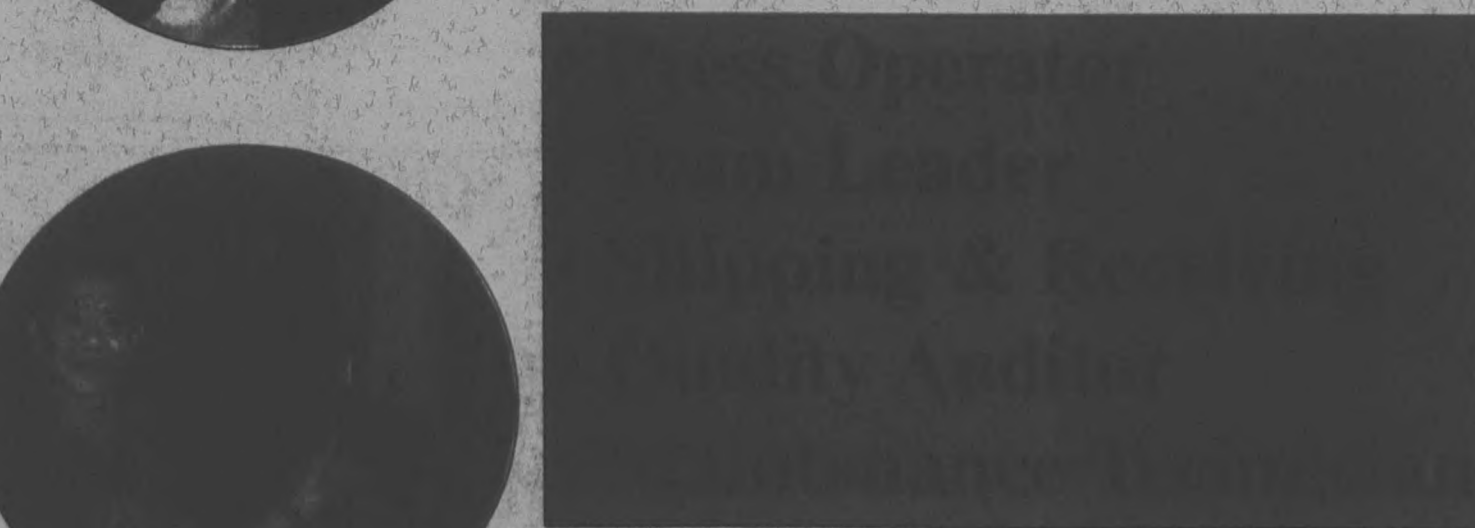
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In State of Alabama vs. Richard Dale Taylor

Charge amended from murder to assault, 2nd degree

What began Monday, Sept. 18, as a murder case on the Elba Criminal Jury Trial Docket quickly became an assault, second degree case regarding the fate of defendant Richard Dale Taylor.

Taylor was arrested Jan. 12, 2005 and charged for the murder of Joseph Finkley of Kinston. Finkley was reported missing Jan. 1, 2005 by family members and his body was later found floating in a pond on the property he was last seen.

A jury was selected Monday, Sept. 18, for Taylor's trial (State of Alabama vs. Richard Dale

Taylor). The trial began Tuesday morning, Sept. 19, with the State first to move with the defendant and victim representative's concurrence to amend the indictment to charge the lesser included offense of assault, second degree.

Court records indicate, "although assault is not normally a lesser included offense of murder, as part of the defendant's reckless conduct, the indictment alleges his physical assault of the victim. Based upon the unique factual averments of the indictment and the proof required of the State, it is

a lesser included offense in this case." Upon his arraignment to the amended charge of assault, second degree, Taylor entered a plea of guilty which the court accepted and declared.

Court observers who were familiar with the facts in the case indicated there were no witnesses to the murder, and the defense could have argued that the man drowned accidentally. There allegedly were witnesses to the two men engaging in a fight at a nearby house just prior to Finkley's disappearance, which lead to the guilty plea on the assault charge.

Elba BOE approves several "plans"

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members did a lot of "plan" approving at their regular September meeting last Tuesday evening.

In addition to reviewing the finances and agreeing to pay the presented monthly bills, members dove into a host of official forms compiled by school administrators and teachers which the Alabama Department of Education requires to have the board's official stamp of approval. These included an updated "At Risk Plan", "Capital Plan", "Accounting Procedures Manual", "Children's First Plan", "Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Plan", and a "Professional Development Plan".

While reviewing the financial status with Superintendent Danny Weeks, board members were assured that the sudden drop in fund balances for the lunchroom account was not a matter to be worried about. It is recommended that the schools

keep a three month operating balance in their accounts. Weeks explained this drop is normal for the first month of school when new food supplies are being purchased and before state and federal funds begin to flow into the accounts.

The "At Risk Plan" for the coming year is funded by a grant of \$38,416. Parts of this account are allocated to an ISS instructor at the high school, an elementary counselor and 20% (or \$7,683.20) is earmarked by law to an outside organization working with families. This year Family Services, of Enterprise, was again the only group to present a plan to the local school system and was allotted the funds. There are 11 members of the staff who served on the planning committee for this plan.

The "Capital Plan" is what the name implies, a structured plan for building and maintaining school facilities, including grounds, buildings and furnishings. The formal plan runs

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POW/MIA Recognition Day observed in Elba

A small ceremony held Friday morning, Sept. 15, in Elba served as commemoration of a very special day for Americans as POW/MIA Recognition Day was observed.

Before 1979, there was no specific day set aside to honor America's prisoners of war and those missing in action; however, a congressional resolution changed that. In the mid-1980s, the day of commemoration took place in July and April.

Since 1986, POW/MIA Recognition Day has been observed on the third Friday in September. In honor of this day, a wreath was placed Friday morning next to the Ben Ringsdorf monument in downtown Elba.

Herbert Benjamin Ringsdorf, a native of Elba, served in the U.S. Air Force and became a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down Nov. 11, 1966 five miles west of the city of Vinh Linh in Quang Binh Province, North Vietnam. He was released Feb. 12, 1973.

The Ringsdorf monument was constructed in Elba many years ago to honor Ringsdorf and all other prisoners of war along with those considered missing in action. The wreath placed next to the Ringsdorf monument last Friday morning was arranged by Wildflowers Florist and Gifts and delivered by Delonda Harrelson.

A special guest in attendance for the wreath placement ceremony was Jane Bryan, the daughter of the late JC Wright.

Wright was a POW in World War II. He was held in Baum, Germany from March 28, 1945 until April 12, 1945.

Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) thanked Bryan and her husband, Mike, for participating in the ceremony.



Those participating in the wreath placement ceremony last Friday morning in Elba in commemoration of POW/MIA Recognition Day were (from left): Elba Mayor James Grimes, Mike and Jane Bryan, and Delonda Harrelson.

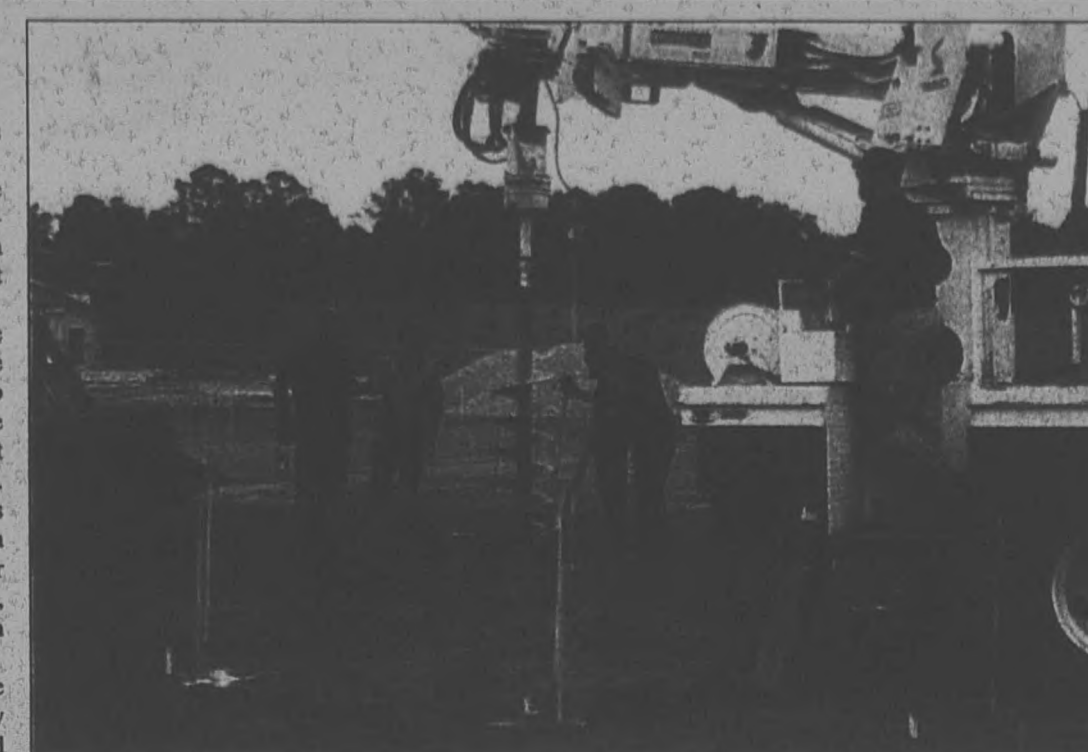
Area Happenings

A FAMILY COURT MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21 (THURSDAY), at 9:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. The meeting will be conducted by members of the nursing home staff and will focus on updated policies and procedures of the facility. Information will be provided related to the upcoming influenza season and pandemic influenza preparedness. All sponsors, family members and friends are invited to attend.

THE 2ND ANNUAL "JACK DAY FESTIVAL" enters week four Friday, Sept. 22, with all ten teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Shocoma, the New Brockton Gamecocks will host Cotnamwood, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Florida, the Zion Chapel Patriots will travel to Lake County and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Astoria. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

THE 10TH ANNUAL "JACK DAY FESTIVAL" will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at Green Memorial Stadium on the campus of Elba Chapel High School from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

A BURNING STAR AND HEALTH FAIR will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on the square in Elba.



BUILD WEEK FOR ELBA COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND IS HERE...The long awaited "build week" for the Elba Community Playground arrived this week. Volunteers officially were scheduled to begin working Wednesday morning, Sept. 20; however, the first part of the week found some work already underway. Before construction of the actual equipment could begin, many many holes had to be dug in preparation for construction. This work began Monday and continued through Tuesday as workers used an auger to dig the necessary holes on site. With the actual construction now underway, community help is necessary in making it a success. Daily shifts run as follows: 8 a.m. until Noon, 12:30-5 p.m.; and 5:30-9 p.m. Any time a person can spare, however, is really appreciated. The playground is being constructed on site of the old Elba High School facility in downtown Elba.

Elba mayor updates commissioners on status of Coffee County EMS

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he thought the law indicated the depository should be selected annually; however, Dalrymple said he knows of other counties that select a depository for more than one year at a time.

When asked exactly how long the county has until it needs to have a depository selected for the new year, county administrator Wilson Mobley said commissioners have until the first Monday of December to select a depository.

Commissioner Stephens said he is for doing what Commissioner Dalrymple suggested; however, he said he felt like the commission owed it to those that sent quotes to look at their proposals.

After more discussion, Commissioner Linda Westbrook made a motion with a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks to table any action relating to the depository until the next meeting. This motion passed by a 4-3 vote.

Commissioners Westbrook, Brooks, Stephens and J.L. Weeks voted in favor of tabling while Commissioners Dalrymple, Grimsley and Jim Thompson voted against it.

County resident Sherry Perdue addressed commissioners regarding stray animals

within the county. This is not the first time Perdue has expressed her concerns over this issue.

She presented each commissioner with a letter and copy of the state statute regarding the maintenance of pound; notice of impoundment; and adoption of animals.

Reading from the statute, Perdue said, "It shall be the duty

of each and every county in the state to provide a suitable county pound and impounding officer for the impounding of dogs and cats found running at large in violation of the provisions of this chapter. Every municipality with a population over 5,000 in

which the county pound is not located shall maintain a suitable pound or contribute their pro rate share to the staffing and upkeep of the county pound."

Perdue said stray animals are a problem the county needs to address. She noted while the county does have an agreement with the City of Elba for stray animals to be brought to that facility, she said sometimes there is not enough room there and the county citizens have to take the animals to the facility.

If a resident is dealing with a dangerous animal, Perdue said he/she could get hurt. She

encouraged commissioners to see if there is some way to control these stray animals.

"There's no one to call right now unless someone gets hurt," she said.

Elba Mayor James Grimes also addressed commissioners during the meeting to provide an update on the current status of Coffee County EMS. He said the city was asked a few months ago to look at taking over the operations and management of the corporation. Since it was already providing the building and ambulances for the already existing corporation, he said the city chose to take on this endeavor.

Grimes said Coffee County EMS is operating as a separate corporation under the umbrella of the City of Elba. He said City of Elba office personnel is being trained on the billing requirements.

While addressing commissioners, Mayor Grimes asked them to consider putting back the original amount in the budget allocated for service from Coffee County EMS to the county.

Coffee County EMS covers the county west of New Brockton in regards to emergency medical response.

"I would like to thank the mayor and city for taking this over," said Commissioner Westbrook. "It is a much needed service."

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Officer Michael Adkison

Patrol officer Michael Adkison currently serves the community with seven years of law enforcement experience. He has served approximately four of those years (all together) as a member of the Elba Police Department.

"I enjoy the variety of different encounters everyday," he said in regards to why he chose law enforcement. "And, just to be completely honest, I am an adrenaline junkie."

Beyond the Elba Police Department, Officer Adkison also spent two years with the Enterprise Police Department and has served as a reserve for the New Brockton Police Department. He is D.A.R.E. certified and is certified as a field training officer.

When asked about his most memorable police experience, Officer Adkison revealed it as, "being involved in a motor vehi-

cle accident with another officer during a high speed chase." Away from the department, Officer Adkison said he enjoys

fishing and spending time with his family. He and his wife, Misty, have two sons, Christopher, age 9, and Mason, age 7.